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Security Council

3 p.m.	5773rd meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation concerning Western Sahara

   Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/2007/619)

Afternoon[1]	5774th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

   Report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan (S/2007/624)

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 5773rd meeting.

General Assembly

Sixty-second session

10 a.m.	40th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Sport for peace and development [45 (a) and (b)]: *joint debate*

(a) Sport for peace and development: report of the Secretary-General (A/62/325 and A/62/325/Corr.1)

(b) Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal: draft resolution (A/62/L.2)

3 p.m.	41st plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Peace, security and reunification on the Korean peninsula [167]: draft resolution (A/62/L.4)

2. Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children [66 (b)]: draft decision (A/62/L.8)

Announcement

The rearrangement of the front page of the *Journal of the United Nations* is in accordance with paragaph 15 of General Assembly resolution 60/286 of 8 September 2006 (A/RES/60/286).

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General Assembly

Sixty-second session

Main Committees

First Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . 23th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 88 to 105): *item 88* (A/62/158, A/62/158/Add.1 and A/C.1/62/L.33); *item 89* (A/62/29 (Supp. No. 29) and A/C.1/62/L.16); *item 90* (A/C.1/62/L.26); *item 91* (A/C.1/62/L.10); *item 92* (A/C.1/62/L.51); *item 93* (A/62/98, A/62/98/Add.1 and A/C.1/62/L.45); *item 94* (A/62/95 (Part I), A/62/95 (Part I)/Add.1 and A/C 1/62/L.1); *item 95* (A/C.1/62/L.44); *item 96* (A/C.1/62/L.34); *item 97* (A/61/1028 and A/C.1/62/L.47); *item 98* (A/62/93, A/62/99, A/AC.268/2007/2, A/62/112, A/62/114, A/62/114/Add.1, A/62/115, A/62/115/Add.1, A/62/133, A/62/134, A/62/139, A/62/156, A/62/162, A/62/163, A/62/165, A/62/166, A/62/166/Add.1, A/62/170, A/62/170/Add.1, A/62/278 (Part I), A/62/278 (Part II)[1], A/C.1/62/L.5, A/C.1/62/L.6, A/C.1/62/L.7, A/C.1/62/L.8, A/C.1/62/L.9, A/C.1/62/L.12, A/C.1/62/L.13, A/C.1/62/L.14, A/C.1/62/L.17, A/C.1/62/L.18, A/C.1/62/L.19, A/C.1/62/L.19/Rev.1, A/C.1/62/L.20, A/C.1/62/L.21, A/C.1/62/L.22, A/C.1/62/L.25, A/C.1/62/L.27, A/C.1/62/L.29, A/C.1/62/L.30, A/C.1/62/L.31, A/C.1/62/L.36, A/C.1/62/L.38, A/C.1/62/L.38/Rev.1, A/C.1/62/L.39, A/C.1/62/L.40, A/C.1/62/L.41, A/C.1/62/L.42, A/C.1/62/L.43, A/C.1/62/L.46*, A/C.1/62/L.49, A/C.1/62/L.49/Rev.1, A/C.1/62/L.50, A/C.1/62/L.53 and A/C.1/62/L.54); *item 99* (A/62/129, A/62/130, A/62/140, A/62/153, A/62/96-S/2007/393, A/C.1/62/L.4, A/C.1/62/L.15, A/C.1/62/L.23, A/C.1/62/L.24, A/C.1/62/L.35 and A/C.1/62/L.52); *item 100* (A/62/27 (Supp. No. 27), A/62/42 (Supp. No. 42), A/62/152, A/62/309, A/C.1/62/L.3, A/C.1/62/L.11 and A/C.1/62/L.32); *item 101* (A/62/95 (Part II) and A/C.1/62/L.2); *item 102*; *item 103* (A/62/111); *item 104* (A/62/113, A/62/113/Add.1 and A/62/135); and *item 105*

[Other documents: A/C.1/62/1, A/C.1/62/2, A/C.1/62/CRP.2, A/C.1/62/CRP.3, A/C.1/62/CRP.4/Rev.1, A/C.1/62/INF.1 and A/C.1/62/INF.2]

[1]To be issued.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 13th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects . . . . . [34]

Introductory statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and by the Officer-in-Charge for field support

Interactive dialogue

Second Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . 19th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Sustainable development (A/62/343, A/62/356, A/62/486, A/C.2/62/2 and A/C.2/62/L.5) [54]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (A/62/262 and A/62/376)

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/62/279)

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (A/61/699-E/2007/8, A/61/699/Add.1-E/2007/8/Add.1, A/62/320, A/62/340, A/62/371, A/62/372 and A/62/501)

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/62/78-E/2007/62 and A/62/276)

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/62/276 and A/C.2/62/7)

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/62/276)

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fourth session (A/62/25 (Supp. No. 25))

(h) Sustainable mountain development (A/62/292)

(i) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy (A/62/208 and A/C.2/62/8)

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (A/62/8, A/62/219 and A/62/339) . . . . . [55]

General discussion

Globalization and interdependence (A/C.2/62/2) . . . . . [56]

(a) Globalization and interdependence (A/62/303, A/62/71-E/2007/46 and A/62/216)

(b) Science and technology for development (A/62/136)

(c) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption (A/62/85, CAC/COSP/2006/12 and A/62/116)

Introductory statements followed by question time

General discussion

[*Note:* The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6.30 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-9728; or e-mail maillard-lejano@un.org)).]

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 32nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women . . . . . [63]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.16

2. Promotion and protection of the rights of children . . . . . [66]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.21**

3. Promotion and protection of human rights (A/62/36, A/62/369 and A/62/464) . [70]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/62/183, A/62/222, A/62/254, A/62/255, A/62/287, A/62/288, A/62/293, A/62/298, A/62/317, A/62/304, A/62/207, A/62/212, A/62/214, A/62/218, A/62/225, A/62/227, A/62/265, A/62/280, A/62/286, A/62/289 and A/C.3/62/3)

(c) Human rights situation and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/62/318, A/62/213, A/62/498, A/62/223, A/62/263, A/62/264, A/62/275, A/62/313, A/62/354 and A/C.3/62/4[1])

(e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (A/62/230)

Continuation of general discussion

[*Note:* The list of speakers for the general discussion under items allocated to the Third Committee is now open. Delegations are kindly requested to consult the draft programme of work of the Third Committee (A/C.3/62/L.1) prior to contacting the Secretariat with their request for inscription on the list. Requests for inscription should be sent to Ms. Nancy Beteta (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail beteta@un.org). Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail maillard-lejano@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9728).]

[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 128 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009:

(A/62/6 (Introduction), A/62/6 (Introduction)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 1), A/62/6 (Sect. 2), A/62/6 (Sect. 3), A/62/6 (Sect. 4), A/62/6/ (Sect. 4)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 5), A/62/6 (Sect. 6), A/62/6 (Sect. 7), A/62/6 (Sect. 8), A/62/6 (Sect. 8)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 9), A/62/6 (Sect. 10), A/62/6 (Sect. 11), A/62/6 (Sect. 12), A/62/6 (Sect. 12)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 13), A/62/6 (Sect. 14), A/62/6 (Sect. 15), A/62/6 (Sect. 16), A/62/6 (Sect. 17), A/62/6 (Sect. 18), A/62/6 (Sect. 19), A/62/6 (Sect. 19)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 20), A/62/6 (Sect. 21), A/62/6 (Sect. 22), A/62/6 (Sect. 23), A/62/6 (Sect. 23)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 24), A/62/6 (Sect. 24)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 25), A/62/6 (Sect. 26), A/62/6 (Sect. 27), A/62/6 (Sect. 28), A/62/6 (Sect. 28A), A/62/6 (Sect. 28A)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 28B), A/62/6 (Sect. 28B)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 28C), A/62/6 (Sect. 28C)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 28D), A/62/6 (Sect. 28E), A/62/6 (Sect. 28E)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 28E)/Corr.2, A/62/6 (Sect. 28F), A/62/6 (Sect. 28G), A/62/6 (Sect. 29), A/62/6 (Sect. 29)/Corr.1, A/62/6 (Sect. 30), A/62/6 (Sect. 31), A/62/6 (Sect. 32), A/62/6 (Sect. 33), A/62/6 (Sect. 34), A/62/6 (Sect. 35), A/62/6 (Income Sect. 1), A/62/6 (Income Sect. 2) and A/62/6 (Income Sect. 3));

Section 33, Safety and security, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/91);

Consolidated report on the changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/80, A/62/80/Corr.1, A/62/80/Corr.2, A/62/80/Corr.3 and A/62/80/Add.1);

Experience of the utilization of the contingency fund (A/62/229);

Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/62/7, A/62/7/Corr.1 and A/62/349); and

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/62/16 (Chap. III B)))

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 20th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

3–6 p.m. . . . . 21st meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-ninth session (A/62/10) . . . . . [82]

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 137 (Administration of Justice at the United Nations)

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all remaining items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan, tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963) if they wish to be inscribed on the list. Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

General Assembly

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 235th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

1. Consideration of the draft report of the Committee
2. Other matters

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. International Trade Centre (ITC)
2. Executive session

General Assembly

Sixty-second session

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 52 (b) (International financial system and development)

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Mr. Noel González Segura (Mexico), under agenda item 59 (c) (South-South cooperation for development)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the World Autism Awareness Day (under agenda item 66 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Qatar)

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (under agenda item 70 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Norway)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on the human rights defenders (under agenda item 70 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Norway)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to food (Third Committee) (under agenda item 70 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Cuba)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution to support the efforts to put an end to the obstetric fistula (under agenda item 66 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Senegal)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on decreasing the operational readiness of nuclear weapon systems (under agenda item 98) (First Committee) (convened by the delegations of Chile, New Zealand, Nigeria, Sweden and Switzerland)

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Inadmissibility of certain practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance" (under agenda item 68 (a)) (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Russian Federation)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on human rights and cultural diversity (under agenda item 70 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons – realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities (under agenda item 62 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (under agenda item 70 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Cuba (on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement))

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the "Role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order" (under agenda item 50) (convened by the delegation of Guyana)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) (under agenda item 63 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Estonia, Jordan, Mexico, Norway and the Sudan)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft omnibus resolution on the rights of the child (under agenda item 66 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (under agenda item 63 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment" (under agenda item 70 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on the elimination of discrimination against women (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (under agenda item 70 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

4–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

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JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee experts)

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on legal matters

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

2007 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

9 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

2–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Eighth United Nations Inter-Agency Consultations (organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS))

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on globalization and interdependence draft resolutions)

10 a.m.–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Group of 77 (on sustainable development draft resolutions)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Group of 77 (on Humanitarian Affairs)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Briefing on the sub-regional workshop on the preparation of responses by the West and Central African countries to the three Security Council committees dealing with counter-terrorism (Dakar, Senegal, 25-27 September 2007) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Senegal and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in cooperation with the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, the Al-Qaida/Taliban Monitoring Team and the 1540 Committee expert group)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 31 October 2007

Briefing by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its report "Economic development in Africa – Reclaiming policy space: Domestic resource mobilization and developmental States"

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/eonf.htm>.

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Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

2 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Irakli Alasania (Georgia) (on the recent developments in Georgia)

Forthcoming meetings

Thursday, 1 November 2007

General Assembly
Sixty-second session

10 a.m. . . . . 42nd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Court of Justice . . . . . [73]
   (a) Report of the International Court of Justice (A/62/4)
   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/62/171)
2. Report of the International Criminal Court [76]: note by the Secretary-General (A/62/314)

Main Committees

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Selwin Hart (Barbados), under agenda item 52 (c) (External debt crisis and development)

Thursday, 1 November 2007, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Mr. Thomas Gass (Switzerland), under agenda item 59 (b) (Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system)

Thursday, 1 November 2007, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Tuesday, 6 November 2007, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Mr. Giza Gaspar Martins (Angola), under agenda item 52 (a) (International trade and development)

Friday, 2 November 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Mr. Tony Fautua (New Zealand), under agenda item 54 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States)

Friday, 2 November 2007, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 52 (b) (International financial system and development)

Friday, 2 November 2007, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia), under agenda item 54 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future of mankind)

Friday, 2 November 2007, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Panel discussion on the UN Global Compact

There will be a panel discussion highlighting the progress made to date of the UN Global Compact – the UN's voluntary corporate citizenship initiative, which aims to make global markets more sustainable and inclusive. The panel discussion will take place on Thursday, 1 November 2007 from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The role of the initiative in helping to engage business in poverty reduction, including the generation of employment opportunities, and the outcomes of the UN Global Compact Leaders Summit (United Nations Office at Geneva, 5 and 6 July 2007), will also be addressed. The panel will be chaired by H.E. Ms. Kirsti Lintonen (Finland), Chairperson of the Second Committee. The panellists will include Mr. B. Muthuraman, Managing Director, Tata Steel, India; Mrs. Chen Ying, Deputy Director General, China Enterprise Confederation, China; Prof. José Sergio Gabrielli de Azevedo, President and CEO, Petrobras, Brazil; Mr. Toshio Arima, Director and Executive Advisor to the Board, Fuji Xerox, Japan; Mr. Bunmi Akinremi, Deputy, United Bank for Africa New York Branch, Nigeria; Mr. Talal Abu Ghazaleh, Chairman and CEO, Talal Abu-

Ghazaleh Organization, Egypt; and Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, Chairman of Anglo American, United Kingdom.

The event is organized by the UN Global Compact Office. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ursula Wynhoven, UN Global Compact Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-5705).

Third Committee

Listed below is the tentative schedule (subject to change) for introductory statements by Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, Independent Experts and other special mechanisms who will be presenting reports to the Third Committee:

Wednesday, 7 November 2007:

10 a.m.

Mr. Doudou Diène (Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance); and Mr. José Gomez del Prado (Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self determination)

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Thursday, 1 November 2007 at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

2007 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

The 2007 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Monday, 12 November 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Delegations are requested to submit, in writing, the names of their representatives to the Pledging Conference, to the Secretary of the Conference, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Conference (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org).

Peacebuilding Commission
Second session

Sierra Leone configuration

An informal meeting (open) of the Sierra Leone configuration will be held on Wednesday, 7 November 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund
Informal consultation

There will a meeting in the process of consultation with Board members on the preliminary draft of the UNDP biennial support budget on Wednesday, 7 November 2007 from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room D. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (under agenda item 70 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Norway)

Thursday, 1 November 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) (under agenda item 63 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Estonia, Jordan, Mexico, Norway and the Sudan)

Thursday, 1 November 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster" (under agenda item 71 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Ukraine)

Thursday, 1 November 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Meeting of the co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (under agenda item 61) (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union))

Thursday, 1 November 2007, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (under agenda item 70 (e)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of Mexico, New Zealand and Sweden)

Thursday, 1 November 2007, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (under agenda item 70 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Cuba (on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement))

Thursday, 1 November 2007, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B; and

Friday, 2 November 2007, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (under agenda item 63) (Third Committee) (convened by the Vice-Chair of the Bureau of the Third Committee)

Thursday, 1 November 2007, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 2 November 2007, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (under agenda item 71 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Thursday, 1 November 2007, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Friday, 2 November 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to food (Third Committee) (under agenda item 70 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Cuba)

Thursday, 1 November 2007, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft omnibus resolution on the rights of the child (under agenda item 66 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union))

Friday, 2 November 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on the human rights defenders (under agenda item 70 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Norway)

Friday, 2 November 2007, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community" (under agenda item 163) (convened by the delegation of Tajikistan)

Tuesday, 6 November 2007, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Briefing on the United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials (UNAKRT) and the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)

Thursday, 1 November 2007, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

African Group: Third Committee Experts

Thursday, 1 November 2007, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Friends of the International Criminal Court (meeting with the President of the International Criminal Court)

Friday, 2 November 2007, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

UNITAR/OLA English-language seminar on the deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and the registration of treaties

Wednesday, 7 November 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Thursday, 8 November 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Samy Saadi (e-mail saadis@un.org, or info@unitarny.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).]

Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Assistance and Support to Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse with European Union members (A/60/877)

Wednesday, 7 November 2007, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Assistance and Support to Victims of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse with Rio Group members (A/60/877)

Thursday, 8 November 2007, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Forthcoming other activities

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DPI/NGO briefing on "The Costa Rica Project"

Thursday, 1 November 2007, from 10 to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Robin Della Rocca, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (917) 367-8020; e-mail dellarocca@un.org).]

Presentation of the "International Year of Astromomy" (sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Italy with the participation of UNESCO and the International Astronomical Union)

Thursday, 1 November 2007, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information please contact the Permanent Mission of Italy (tel. 1 (646) 840-5353).]

Panel discussion on "Eradicating poverty through enterprise" (organized by the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Friday, 2 November 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Cheryl Stafford, DESA (tel. 1 (917) 367-3116; e-mail stafford@un.org).]

Briefing by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its report "World Investment Report 2007"

Friday, 2 November 2007, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend.]

Briefing on "Meeting the Challenge of Peacebuilding and Reconstruction: An Introduction to the Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization (United States), the Post-Conflict Reconstruction Unit (United Kingdom) and the Stabilization and Reconstruction Task Force (Canada)" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Canada and United Kingdom and the United States Mission)

Friday, 2 November 2007, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Doug Meurs, United Sates Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4229; e-mail meursd@state.gov); or Mr. Nick Harvey, Permanent Mission of United Kingdom (tel. 1 (212) 745-9395).]

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)

Monday, 5 November 2007, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Panel discussion on the "Yogyakarta Principles on the application of International human rights law in relation to sexual orientation and gender identity" (organized by a coalition of non-gouvernmental organizations and co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay)

Wednesday, 7 November 2007, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. M. Luz Melon, Permanent Mission of Argentina (tel. 1 (212) 688-6300).]

Friends of Human Security (third meeting) (organized by the Permanent Missions of Japan and Mexico, in cooperation with the Human Security Unit, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)

Wednesday, 7 November 2007, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Molly Belinski, Permanent Mission of Japan (e-mail molly-belinski@un-japan.org; tel. 1 (212) 521-1571).]

Announcements

Administrative Tribunal (22 October-21 November 2007)

The Administrative Tribunal will hold meetings (closed) *every day* until Wednesday, 21 November 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 625, DC2 Building.

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Member States wishing to participate in the Expert Group Meeting on Indigenous Languages (8-10 January 2008) are encouraged to inform the secretariat of their participation by Thursday, 15 November 2007. For further information please contact Mr. Broddi Sigurdarson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2106; e-mail sigurdarson@un.org).

Preparations for the fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women (25 February–7 March 2008), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women; and (b) Capacity building on gender mainstreaming in relation to financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience

of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail mcdougalls@un.org or selcuk@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than Friday, 30 November 2007. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available from 1 November on the DAW Web site <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/52sess.htm#interactive>.

General Assembly

List of candidates

Delegations are kindly reminded that the list of candidates (an informal working paper) for the sixty-second session of the General Assembly and other information on elections and candidatures are available on CandiWeb at the following address: <https://secln069.un.org/candiweb>. Instructions to access the Web page can be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2337 or via e-mail to santomauro@un.org.

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-second session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-second regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420F or S-3420S; tel. 1 (212) 963-5358 or 963-5377).

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.html>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 30 October 2007

General Assembly

Sixty-second session

38th plenary meeting

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba . . . . . [21]

(a) Note by the Secretary-General (A/62/92 and A/62/92/Add.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/62/L.1)

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Egypt (on behalf the States members of the Non-Aligned Movement).

The General Assembly decided to close the list of speakers for this item.

The representative of the Bahamas (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Jorge Valero, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico and Viet Nam.

H.E. Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/62/L.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, China, the Russian Federation, India, Uganda, Bolivia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Nicaragua and Zimbabwe.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 184 voted to 4, with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/62/L.1 (resolution 62/3).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement), Uruguay (on behalf of the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR)), Belarus, the Sudan, Myanmar, Australia, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Cuba and the United States.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 21.

39th plenary meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council . . . . . [43]

(a) Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/62/3)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/62/283)

(c) Note by the Secretary-General (A/62/277)

The President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Dalius Čekuolis, made a statement, in the course of which he introduced the report of the Council.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Portugal (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement), Peru, the Russian Federation, Jamaica, Iceland, Belarus and Indonesia.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 43.

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields (report of the Secretary-General (A/62/89)) . . . . . [48]

The representative of India made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 48.

Culture of peace . . . . . [49]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/62/337)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/62/97)

(c) Draft resolution (A/62/L.6)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 49.

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/62/L.6.

Statements were made by the representatives of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement), Kuwait, Japan, the Philippines, Tunisia, Egypt, Kazakhstan and Indonesia.

The observer of the Observer State of the Holy See made a statement.

The President informed the Assembly that, at the request of the sponsors, action on draft resolution A/62/L.6 would be taken at a later date.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 49.

Main Committees

First Committee

21st meeting

The Committee continued its second stage of work, namely the "Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under items 88 to 105".

The Commmittee continued its thematic discussion on conventional arms.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Australia (who also introduced the draft resolutions entitled "Prevention of the illicit transfer and unauthorized access to man portable air defense systems" and "Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction"), Malawi, Colombia (who introduced the draft resolution entitled "The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects"), Sweden (who introduced the draft resolution entitled "Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects"), Austria, Jordan, the United States, Angola, Cuba, Israel, Kenya, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Netherlands (who also introduced the draft resolution entitled "National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology"), Moldova, United Republic of Tanzania, Finland, Italy, Cambodia and Cameroon (who, on behalf of the Economic Community of Central African States, introduced the draft resolution entitled "Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa").

The Committee thus concluded its second stage of work, namely the "Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under items 88 to 105".

The Committee began its third stage, namely the "Action on all draft resolutions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 88 to 105)".

The Chairperson made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic (who introduced the draft resolution entitled "The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East"), Cuba, Mexico and Nigeria.

The Secretary made a statement.

22nd meeting

The Committee continued its third stage of work, namely the "Action on all draft resolutions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 88 to 105)".

In explanation of vote before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union), Spain, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Israel, Brazil, Norway and Australia.

Draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.1 was adopted without a vote.

Preambular paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.2 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 161 to 3, with 6 abstentions. Draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.2, as a whole, was adopted, by a recorded vote of 164 to 3, with 6 abstentions.

Draft decision A/C.1/62/L.6 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 123 to 3, with 44 abstentions.

Preambular paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.8 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 102 to 48, with 11 abstentions. Draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.8, as a whole, was adopted, by a recorded vote of 103 to 53, with 15 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.10 was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote.

Draft decision A/C.1/62/L.20 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 117 to 6, with 51 abstentions.

Draft decision A/C.1/62/L.21 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 113 to 50, with 13 abstentions.

Draft decision A/C.1/62/L.23 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 115 to 50, with 11 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.25 was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.26 was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote.

Draft decision A/C.1/62/L.30 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 165 to 3, with 10 abstentions.

Draft decision A/C.1/62/L.36 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 121 to 25, with 29 abstentions.

Draft decision A/C.1/62/L.40 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 113 to 45, with 17 abstentions.

Draft decision A/C.1/62/L.44 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 120 to 1, with 54 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Switzerland, Israel, France, Pakistan, Canada, the Russian Federation, India, Guatemala, the United States, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Egypt and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

A statement was made by the representative of India.

Draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.7* was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.22 was adopted, as orally revised, without a vote.

In explanation of vote after the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Pakistan.

In explanation of vote before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Brazil.

Draft decision A/C.1/62/L.34 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 170 to 1, with 1 abstention.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) and Japan.

Draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.5 was adopted without a vote.

A statement was made by the representative of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union).

Draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.31 was adopted without a vote.

Draft decision A/C.1/62/L.42 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 167 to 1, with 1 abstention.

Draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.48 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of India and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The Secretary made a statement.

Second Committee

17th meeting

Sustainable development . . . . . [54]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fourth session

(h) Sustainable mountain development

(i) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item 54 and its sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Thailand, Jordan, Japan, Kenya, Ecuador, Nepal, Ethiopia, India, Kyrgyzstan, Guatemala, Norway, the Philippines, Belarus, Peru, Côte d'Ivoire, Malta, Ukraine, Sri Lanka, Brazil, San Marino, Zambia and Moldova.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Organization for Migration and the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

18th meeting

Sustainable development . . . . . [54]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fourth session

(h) Sustainable mountain development

(i) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item 54 and its sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Algeria, Armenia, Monaco, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Mozambique, Mexico, Malawi, Iraq, Uganda, Kazakhstan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Niger, the United Arab Emirates, the Republic of Korea and Serbia.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) . . . . . [55]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.

The representative of Brazil posed a question to which the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme responded.

Organization of work

The Committee was informed that the general discussion under agenda item 54 would conclude on Wednesday, 31 October, and was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under agenda item 54 and its sub-items (a) through (i) was Wednesday, 31 October, at 6 p.m.

Third Committee

30th meeting

Promotion and protection of human rights . . . . . [70]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situation and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Secretary made an announcement.

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Australia (on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand (CANZ)), Japan, China, Egypt, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, the Philippines, Singapore, Ecuador, Switzerland, Viet Nam, Norway, Malaysia, the Syrian Arab Republic, San Marino, Australia, Benin (on behalf of the Group of African States), Maldives, Ukraine and Colombia; as well as by the observer of the Holy See.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

31st meeting

Promotion and protection of human rights . . . . . [70]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situation and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Morocco, Thailand, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, El Salvador, Indonesia, Uzbekistan, New Zealand, South Africa, Burkina Faso, Nepal, Zimbabwe, Japan, Cameroon and the Republic of Korea.

Statements were also made by the observers for the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the International Organization for Migration and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

A statement was made by the representative of the International Labour Organization.

Right of reply

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan, Fiji, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, China, Myanmar and Japan in exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The Secretary made a statement.

Fifth Committee

13th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [128]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Development Account

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/62/123 and A/62/466).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/62/7/Add.6).

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Dominican Republic (on behalf of the Rio Group), the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, India and Nicaragua.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on that day, Tuesday, 30 October, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Ms. Elsa Cristina de Jesus Pataca (Angola).

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to document A/62/80/Add.1, which is to be considered in the context of agenda item 128: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

Sixth Committee

19th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-ninth session [82]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 82.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Greece, Guatemala, Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom, El Salvador, Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Canada, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Portugal, Japan, India and Colombia.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2007* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Benin
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marie Ehouzou

Asian States:
Republic of Korea
H.E. Mr. Hyun Chong Kim

Eastern European States:
Poland
H.E. Mr. Andrzej Towpik

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Peru
H.E. Mr. Jorge Voto-Bernales

Western European and other States:
Turkey
H.E. Mr. Baki İlkin

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Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-second session
A/62/7/Add.4/Corr.1	Item 128 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Capital master plan — Fifth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 [A C E F R S]
A/62/7/Add.5	Item 128 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2008-2009 — Sixth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 [A C E F R S]
A/62/260	Item 79 (b) of the provisional agenda — Oceans and the law of the sea — Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/62/278 (Part II)	Item 100 (aa) of the provisional agenda — General and complete disarmament — Towards an arms trade treaty: establishing common international standards for the import, export and transfer of conventional arms — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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